GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3160
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2004
PRICES OF VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of onion and potato are high as compared to the international market;

(b) if so, the prices of onion and potato in international market;

(c) the quantity of onion and potato exported during the last three years, country-wise;

(d) the foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(e) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government to keep prices of onion and potato under control?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The quantity and value of onion and potato exported during the last three years are at Annexure-I and II respectively.

(e): The production of onion and potato is expected to be higher this year and prices have recently registered a downward trend.

ANNEXURE I

DESTINATIONWISE EXPORT OF ONION FROM THE COUNTRY DURING THE YEAR 2001-02 TO 2003-04

QTY. IN MTS
VALUE IN RS.LAKHS

DESTINATION	2001-2002		2002-2003		2003-2004	
	QTY.	VALUE	QTY.	VALUE	QTY.	VALUE
DUBAI	81711	6539.55	108039	7540.98	104361	10078.35
BAH RAIN	14336	1179.59	21658	1542.52	23145	2512.85
DOHNQA TAR	1297	100.21	3210	244.51	1722	174.6
SHARJAH	1397	111 .44	9099	666.91	13110	1188.63
KUWAIT	1332	109.07	1450	105.35	3407	408.72
ABUDHABI	8725	706.48	4063	310.18	7264	720;06
PAKISTAN	1391	98.72	15583	1003.79	0	0
RE UNION	3151	441.93	5530	623.29	6093	779.31
DAMMAM	7236	608.84	15943	1131.96	14592	1510.59
SINGAPORE	16432	1510.19	20484	1612.20	37356	3590.33
MALAYSIA	83551	7683.6	111402	8239.32	161695	18383.41
MALDIVES	3347	369.3	3901	442.31	3937	533.68
SRI LANKA	84236	6781.73	102668	7160.66	113788	10729.07
B.DESH	187104	13571.76	94132	5602.82	303325	26944.31
NEPAL	1488	99.51	6750	334.73	26882	1985.60
SEYCHELLES	645	89.41	688	88.35	375	57.37
MAURITIUS	7842	927.48	9587	1138.39	11230	1553.42
MUSCAT	182	15.21	1773	131.66	2451	236.8
MANILA	541	79.09	0	0	52	6.21
GREECE			1170	166.26		
OTHERS	980	117.42	9251	798.77	4706	610.94
TOTAL	506924	41140.53	545211	38718.70	840661	82170.51

ANNEXURE II

DESTINATIONWISE EXPORT OF POTATO FROM THE COUNTRY DURING THI; YEAR 2001-02 TO 2003-04

QTY. IN KGS
VALUE IN RUPEES

POTATOES FRESH	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
	QTY.	VALUE	QTY.	VALUE	QTY.	VALUE
AUSTRALIA	3015	14367	0	0	0	0
BANGLADESH	184020	1018146	0	0	160300	484958
BAHRAIN IS	0	0	0	0	41410	200282
CANADA	0	0	10000	48229	0	0
DENMARK	0	0	0	0	200000	865920
GERMANY	0	0	0	0	630000	2019938
U.K.	0	0	24414	1074753	8000	35569
ITALY	14400	154231	0	0	388440	1810320
JAPAN	0	0	0	0	7000	11300
KUWAIT	0	0	0	0	3520	16780
SRI LANKA	386910	2430243	7800769	51179544	3816200	24598666
MALDIVES	0	0	333329	2517684	803037	5004632
MAURITIUS	20000	82411	1129250	9889079	3021100	26965918
MALAYSiA	265800	1409778	41000	215558	97000	555984
NORWAY	0	0	0	0	3000	23228
NEPAL	6342769	18847089			14687638	50127322
					55234659	198915211
OMAN	1200	12703	0	0	131597	836543
QATAR	0	0	70000	485905	43000	215423
SAUDI ARABIA	5310	24801	1700	20613	9000	31383
SINGAPOHE	87000	432700	121131	1617146	114520	910169
SWITZERLAND	0	0	1000	11005	0	0
SEYCHELLES	0	0	0	0	216000	1820064
U.A.E.	941902	8884430	144900	1049208	312090	1871175
U.S.A.	30000	95496	0	0	800000	3535212
YEMEN REPUBLIC	0	0	0	0	500000	2031698
UNSPECIFIED	0	0	0	0	1200000	5104759
PRODUCT TOTAL:	8282326	33406395			24365131	118236046
					67739873	277865132